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Dear Ms. Bailey:

I am writing to provide comments on the June 1, 2013 announcement in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* proposing to amend 51 Pa. Code, Chapter 53, § 53.1 to increase the biennial registration fee for individuals and entities required to be registered under the Lobbying Disclosure Act. The proposal increases the fees from \$200 to \$700 beginning in the 2015-16 registration period.

Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children (PPC) is an independent, statewide and non-profit organization with a small staff of eleven people. PPC takes the Lobbying Disclosure Act very seriously and complies fully with its requirements. A 250 percent fee increase is burdensome and cost prohibitive for small organizations such as ours. I urge you to reconsider this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the biennial registration fee proposal.

Sincerely,

Joan L. Benso
President and CEO

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